

4-201 2010 11/1/1980 Background Statement on families

**Hovefields – Background Statement**

**Ox/Rooney** ('Five Acres Farm', 07831679886)

- John Ox
- Catherine Rooney
- (with teenager daughter going to secondary school)
- Rocky (lives on John's yard, does work for John)

**McCarthy**

- Mary Theresa McCarthy
- Joan McCarthy (nee Taylor)
- Paula Gallagher (Joan's daughter)
- Michael McCarthy (Joan's husband - 07979420203)

Mary was named in the Injunction obtained on 7 July 2010. Members of her extended family occupy two yards behind that of John Ox, which are also I believe designated as part of Five Acres Farm: Mount View and Chelsea Meadows.

**Boswell** ('Haycroft', 07984758820)

- Cheri Boswell
- Matilda Boswell (daughter)

**McCann**

'Hatchertang' (07979258613) aka The Paddocks

- Mary McCann (11/1/1980), and her children:
- Andrew Cassidy (14)
- Jerry Cassidy (12)
- John Cassidy (8)
- William Cassidy (5)

Mary is pregnant, with baby due in December 2010. Grattan has written to BDC asking what has happened to Mary's homeless application and for fresh copy of letter from BDC (which she says told her to quit by 17 August and that they would check this on 19 September).

Andrew has asthma, and attends Lower Academy, Basildon

Jerry Cassidy has completed Oakfield Primary School (going to secondary school?)

John Cassidy is at Oakfield Primary School

William Cassidy is at Oakfield Primary School

William suffered dog attack when he was 3yrs old and suffered serious facial injuries, for which he had surgery at Birmingham Children's hospital. His doctor says he must have further operations at age 6 and meanwhile must have a stable home.

'Hampton Court' (07901533380)

- Catherine McCann (1/6/1988 living on 'Hampton Court' as below)
- Margaret Lisa McCann (30/12/1989)
- John Wild (4/6/1956) (07775688610)

Catherine McCann is receiving treatment for depression and has seen a psychiatrist. She was told she could be sectioned and sent to a psychiatric hospital. She is clearly under a lot of stress from the threat of eviction and does not want to be sectioned and so separated from members of her family. There is clearly a real extant risk of significant psychiatric harm to Catherine.

Margaret Lisa McCann has learning difficulties. Her carer is Margaret McCann who lives in a house nearby at Hovefields Avenue. She cannot walk far and is receiving DLA

**O'Brien** (*'Upton Park' Telephone no?*)

- Donna O'Brien (DOB?)
- Her sister Diana O'Brien (DOB?)
- Their brother Thomas O'Brien

The yard they lived on was bulldozed on 29 June. Ann Kobaysahi is helping them complete legal aid forms today, together with a housing/homeless application. They had lived in a house but after their mother died there they felt they could no longer stay on in it due to their Traveller culture.

**Casey** (*now on 'Upton Park', formerly of 'Riverview'?, Telephone no?*)

- Eileen Casey (27/7/1962)
- Her sister, Ann Coyle (16/3/1961)
- Ann's son Martin Coyle (21/11/1993)

Ann Coyle- breakdown? Her utility unit was destroyed despite her protestations by Constant & Co on 29 June 2010. Ann made a homeless application to BDC and was offered one bedroom flat which she refused without seeking a review. Since then she has tried unsuccessfully to obtain a pitch on council sites and has put her name down on waiting lists.

Martin Coyle has learning difficulties and attended special needs school in Basildon now living on Upton Park (belonging to Sweeneys and next to Ann's property which was bulldozed on 29 June along with her utility unit (I have written to BDC for her requesting £650 compensation).

Eileen has now completed a Housing Options Application form, naming Ann and Martin as part of her household, and signed a set of legal aid forms. I am posting these to you today. Contact number 07770524092 (I have a copy of the letter and Notice served on Upton Park)

**Sylvia Taylor** (*'Merryfield', 07717181969*)

Friends of hers (Caroline and husband) are staying on the yard. Essex County Council have not replied to her request for help under the National Assistance Act. I have the Notice served on Merryfield, addressed only to owner/occupier.